

**North Country Health Consortium
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
December 9, 2016
8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
Littleton, NH**

Present: Suzanne Gaetjens-Oleson, Pauline Tibbetts, Russ Keene, Roxie Severance, Sharon Beaty, Kristina Fjeld-Sparks

Phone: Karen Woods, Jonathan Brown, Ed Shanshala, Ken Gordon

Staff: Nancy Frank, Colleen Gingue

Consent Agenda:

- November 14, 2016 board meeting minutes
- October 2016 Financials
- Executive Director Update

Roxie Severance made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda; Suzanne Gaetjens-Oleson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

New Member Application

All Saints' Episcopal Church submitted an application to become a member of the Consortium.

Sharon Beaty made a motion to accept the application and welcome All Saints' Episcopal Church as a new member of NCHC; Roxie Severance seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Election of New Board Member

Karen Woods, Chair of the Nominating Committee, nominated Curtis Metzger as a new board member to fill a vacant position for a three year term.

Roxie Severance made a motion to approve Curtis Metzger as a new board member; Sharon Beaty seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Strategic Planning Discussion

Nancy Frank presented the 2015 Review of the NCHC 5-year (2012-2017) Strategic Goals. There was a brief discussion related to the timing of our next strategic planning session. A decision was made to discuss further at the January board meeting to re-affirm strategic goal areas and determine next steps.

Region-Wide Oral Health Planning

Nancy Frank proposed convening an oral health committee to discuss the current oral health care landscape, Molar Express, and the future direction of service provision to meet regional needs. The following individuals agreed to be part of the committee: Sharon Beaty, Ed Shanshala, Jonathan Brown, Ken Gordon, Karen Woods, Scott Colby.

New Grant Opportunities

NH DHHS Student Assistance Program (SAP) – due January 16, 2017; this proposal would add to our existing regional SAP program by providing support to Woodsville and Berlin Middle Schools.

Roxie Severance made a motion to move forward with the proposal; Sharon Beaty seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Community Development Block Grant

This is an opportunity for funding to help support NCHC if new programs (for example, Friendship House) are acquired by the organization. North Country Council will assist with writing the proposal.

Pauline Tibbetts made a motion to give Nancy Frank the authority to move forward with the proposal if it seems to be appropriate; Kristina Fjeld-Sparks seconded the motion. Motion passed.

